

REMARKS

Administrative Overview

The Office action dated March 23, 2006, examined claims 47-82. The Office action rejected these claims on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,818,903 (the '903 patent).

Following entry of this paper, claims 47-82 will remain pending.

A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith

The Office action states, "A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application..."

Without acquiescing to the rejections, Applicants file a terminal disclaimer herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). The '903 patent and the present patent application are commonly-owned by MediSpectra, Inc.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections of claims 47-82 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed in due course.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of claims 47-82 in due course. The Examiner is hereby cordially invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues..

Respectfully submitted,



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